

2009 Schedule of Events

MAY 2009

- 2 Mini-Marathon Race**
Contact Mike Palmer N9FEB at www.indyham.org for details
- 2 IRCC Bison Stampede QSO Party**
For info go to www.inarrl.org/ircb.html
- 9 MARC Anniversary - Special Event Station - W9M**
At W9IMS station in Indianapolis. Event 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. For more info go to midstatehams.org
- 15-17 Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, Indiana**
For more info go to www.hamvention.org
- 16 MARC Meeting - 8:00 AM, Franklin, IN**
Located at the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, IN. VEC Testing after the meeting (approx. 9:30 am to 11:00 am)
- 16 Geist 1/2 Marathon, Indianapolis, IN**
Contact Mike Palmer N9FEB at www.indyham.org for details
- 23 500 Festival Parade, Indianapolis, IN**
Contact Mike Palmer N9FEB at www.indyham.org for details
- 24 Indianapolis 500 Mile Race, Indianapolis, IN**
- 25 Memorial Day**

JUNE 2009

- 6-7 Indianapolis Air Show**
Contact Mike Palmer N9FEB at www.indyham.org for details
- 12-13 White River Township Strawberry Festival**
Pleasant Grove Elementary School; 5199 West Fairview Road, Greenwood (Just east of State Road 37 on Fairview)
- 13 Tour-de-Cure Race, Indianapolis, IN**
Contact Mike Palmer N9FEB at www.indyham.org for details
- 14 Flag Day**
- 20 MARC Meeting - 8:00 AM, Franklin, IN**
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- 21 Father's Day**
- 27-28 Field Day**
MARC will be at Independence Park, Greenwood, IN on Saturday, June 27th
REMC Shelter house



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Radio Club
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Mid-State Amateur Radio Club

The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club meets the THIRD SATURDAY of each month in the basement of the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, Indiana 46131.

See our website, www.midstatehams.org, for maps on how to get to our

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NWS Spotter Training

GENERALLY SPEAKING

Steve K9DY and Jack W8ISH have completed the General class. It was very well attended and at least one of the attendees has passed their general test. More hope to take the test at the next MARC meeting. Marc Snell KC9CCM explained waveforms to the General study class which everyone found extremely usefull. Thanks to everyone who participated, attended and a special thanks to the Old National Bank for use of their community room.

Future classes are being considered. -
Jack, w8ish

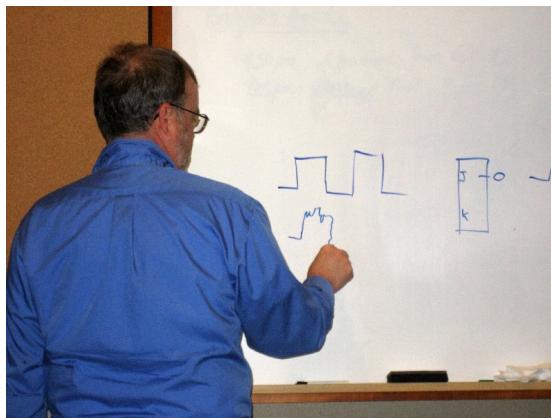


Photo of Marc Snell, KC9 CCM,
photo by Neil Cooper

VEC Testing

Our Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) team is ARRL accredited, and capable of administering any amateur radio test. As a public service, the Mid-State Amateur Radio Club sponsors test sessions after all but one of its monthly meetings. (September testing is done prior to the picnic.) Meetings begin at 8:00 AM with testing following the meeting (begins about 9:30 AM until 11:00 AM). We would love to have you join us for the meeting. Please check out our website at www.midstatehams.org

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Hamfest/Event Info

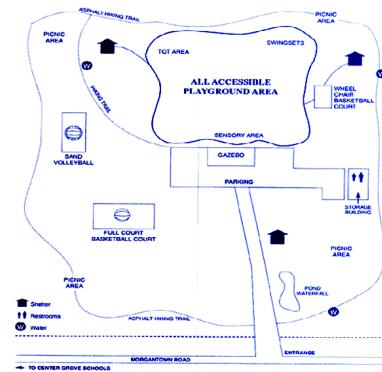
The **Dayton Hamvention** will be held on Friday, May 15, Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17, 2009 at Dayton, Ohio. For more info go to www.hamvention.org

The **17th Annual White River Township Fire Department Strawberry Festival** will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at the Pleasant Grove Elementary School, 5199 West Fairview Road, Greenwood, IN from 10 AM to 10:30 PM. MARC will have a tent and display set up to support the fire department. Let Jack W8ISH know if you can attend and help out. There is always great food, ice cream and of course, strawberries at the event. You don't want to miss it.

ARRL's Field Day event is scheduled for Saturday, June 27 and Sunday, June 28, 2009. MARC will be holding a club event on Saturday June 27th from Noon to Dusk at Independece Park in Johnson County, Indiana.

The park is located at 2100 Morgantown Road just north of Stone Crossing Road in White River Township.

The event location is at the REMC shelter house (located on the map in the top right hand corner). More information will be available at the next MARC meeting.



If you know of any other Indiana hamfests coming up, please contact Linda at PIO@midstatehams.org.

Anyone attending any of the hamfest listed are encouraged to take photos at the event and send them to kc9gch@arrl.net. I will try and get them on the JN.ARRI

WA9RDF
Repeater
146.835/
146.235 MHz
151.4 Hz PL
Tone

Weekly Net
Every Sunday
at 7PM ET

Tune in to hear
the ARRL
Newsline!

The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club sponsors a weekly traffic and social net on our repeater. The net begins at 7:00 p.m. local time, and features local news, announcements, and NTS traffic, as well as rebroadcasts of Amateur Radio Newsline. This is a great chance to meet other local amateur radio operators and test your operating skills.

K9DY and W8ISH at Columbus. Photo by Mrs. K9DY.

VE's On The Road

VE's Test IMPD Officers

A growing number of police officers in Indianapolis have decided to get their ham radio licenses. This, after being told by their superiors in the department to remove all personal radio gear from patrol vehicles. Now they are discovering that there's more to the hobby than idle chit chat. Some are so impressed that they are even helping to organize training and testing sessions for their fellow officers. Amateur Radio Newsline's Jack Parker, W8ISH, has the latest: As we first reported last February, the Indianapolis Metro Police Department has cracked down on road officers using Amateur Radios without a license. This comes following a complaint filed with the FCC by a local ham. As a result the Indianapolis Police Chief ordered all illegal radios removed from police cars until the officers became licensed hams. That forced dozens of Metro officers to race off to the nearest Amateur Radio book store.

Veteran police officer Dewey Runnels passed his test and helped organize a weekday test session for officers working Indy's eastside district. Over sixty officers signed up to take the Technician Class license test.

This called for a response from the ham radio SWAT team. That stands for Swift Working Amateur Testers. VE Dave Wendt-KA9OOH, recruited thirteen volunteer examiners from four Central Indiana counties to handle the overwhelming number of applicants. IMPD provided a training room, the officers lined up, produced an ID and put pen to paper to earn their Tech ticket. The centralized test session allowed officers from three different shifts an opportunity to work the exam into their work schedule.

Of those pre-registered only one third showed up to take the test. Sixty percent of the officers passed and now await their new amateur radio call sign. Officer Dewey Runnels KC9PIY, expects future test sessions to be better attended. He is excited

about his new privileges and looks forward to a General Class upgrade. KC9PIY: "I've talked to a couple of guys that have been able to talk to Canada, California and South America and I want to be part of that." Future weekday test sessions are being scheduled to accommodate the growing number of IMPD officers wishing to earn their Technician Class license.

Reporting from Indianapolis, this is Jack Parker W8ISH



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25th Anniversary Event -W9M



W9M

*** SPECIAL EVENT
STATION ***
9 May 2009 from 1400
to 0200 (UTC)

Commemorating
the 25th Anniversary of
the Mid-State Amateur
Radio Club, Franklin,
IN, MARC has
scheduled a special

event station to be held in Indianapolis at the
W9IMS station location.

Contacts will hopefully be made on the
following frequencies: 21.340, 14.240,
14.240, 7.240, 146.520 MHz. Contacts
made may request a QSL, by sending a
SASE to MARC, P.O. Box 836, Franklin,
IN 46131.

Brian, W9IND has provided us with the
following directions to the W9IMS Comm
Center which is located on the property of
Mike Koss, W9SU:

1. If you'd rather plug in the coordinates
and let MapQuest, etc. tell you how to get
there ... the address is 3321 N. Gale St.
Mike's phone number is 545-5412, and my
cell phone number is 506-1980.

2. If you plan to compete in the "Single
Op — Unassisted" category (sorry, that's a
contesting joke) and find the Comm Center
on your own, a good place to start is at
Keystone Avenue and 34th Street on the
eastside of Indy. (If I-70 is convenient for
you, follow it to the Keystone Avenue exit
and take the North ramp, then continue
driving north till you reach 34th Street ... look
for the Sunoco and Marathon stations.)

3. From Keystone and 34th, head east
on 34th Street for about 10 blocks, keeping
your eyes open for Olney Street. Don't turn
on Olney — just slow down and get ready to
turn right (south) on the very next street,
Gale.

4. At Gale Street, ignore the DEAD
END sign and the fact that it looks
like someone's driveway; you'll soon
find yourself on a tree-lined lane. Take it one
block until the pavement runs out ...
and you're there.

5. The Comm Center is the house on
your immediate left, and Mike's residence is
the house a little farther back on the left. You
can park on the right, either in the front yard
of the abandoned house or in the field just
south of it.

Please mark your calendar and let's
have a great event!



Here is the 2009 ARRL Field Day logo.
Want a T-shirt with the logo? Linda
KC9GCH will be taking orders at the next
MARC meeting or send her a request at
PIO@midstatehams.org.